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Guatemala

SUBJECT

Use of Czechoslovakian Tanks by Guatemalan Army

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SOURCE US citizen. President of a small export/import company who is well acquainted in Guatemala with both businessmen and government officials. The following information was given to source by a Guatemalan businessman who visited source in his office in a southern US city on 22 Dec 52.

1. The Guatemalan Army was conducting tests or maneuvers in a secluded area of Guatemala near the Pacific Coast during the month of September 1952, with some light tanks manufactured in Czechoslovakia.
2. My informant came upon these tanks unexpectedly. He counted 24 tanks and was able to examine them at close range. Although he is unfamiliar with tanks, he said that there were plates on the tanks indicating that they were manufactured in Czechoslovakia.

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